

Community Focus Statement B: Develop and improve parks and recreational facilities and services for all ages.

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Action Statement B.4: Identify opportunities for a variety of recreational activities and amenities such as walking, hiking, horseback riding, biking, off-highway vehicles (OHVs), tennis courts, ballfields, and open space areas.

Benchmark: Land acquired for a passive recreation park by the end of 2018.

Champion: Rim of the World Recreation and Park District

Estimated Cost: Dependent upon size of land purchased.



The Lake Arrowhead communities can look for opportunities to acquire open space areas that offer the potential for a park that *requires a low level of development, such as rustic picnic areas, benches, and trails*. This type of park, sometimes called a *passive recreation park*, typically requires little management and can be provided at very low cost. A passive recreational area is generally an undeveloped space or environmentally sensitive area, where emphasis is placed on preservation of wildlife and the natural environment.

Activities that would occur in passive recreational areas have a low impact on the natural environment. Examples of recreational activities in a park that could be developed in Lake Arrowhead include walking, running, hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking, kite-flying, or playing Frisbee. Activities such as horseback riding or bicycling could be conditionally permitted, provided the impact on the natural environment is considered.

The Santa Margarita Lake Recreation & Natural Area represents several thousand acres of designated open space in San Luis Obispo County. The area is accessible to hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. Photo source: San Luis Obispo County Parks

The ROTWRPD adopted an Active Transportation Plan in early 2018 that identifies proposed locations for biking and hiking trails. In addition, all other RIM communities support an intermountain trail.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a Parks Committee to identify potential sites for open space and parks.	Champion with Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Months 1 – 3	Change Lab Solutions, Local Agency Strategies for Funding the Development and Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities in California
2. Research Possible Food Sources	Parks Committee	Months 2 - 4	
3. Secure grants and initiate funding mechanisms for acquisition of parkland and park amenities. Funding sources may include grants, park in-lieu fee (Quimby Act), Mello-Roos Community Facilities District, donations, and sponsorships for park amenities, including park benches.	Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Months 4 – 8	http://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/Parks-Financing-White-Paper-FINAL-20151007.pdf Rim of the World Recreation and Park District http://rim-rec.org/
4. Acquire land.	Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Months 9 – 12	Rim of the World Active Transportation Plan http://rim-rec.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Rim-of-the-World-ATP-FINAL-DRAFT-2018-03-13.pdf
5. Draft a plan for the establishment, maintenance, and provision of amenities to the area for review and addition	Parks Committee with support from Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Months 12 – 18	San Bernardino County Regional Parks http://cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/Home.aspx
6. Install amenities and access improvements.	Parks Committee with support from Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Months 18 – 24	SLO County Parks and Recreation, Santa Margarita Lake Recreation & Natural Area http://slocountyparks.org/camp/santa-margarita-lake/
7. Partner with local youth and volunteer groups to help with maintenance.	Rim of the World Recreation and Park District	Years 2 – 5	Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Passive Recreation Activities http://www.friendsofcrowellhila.org/uploads/4/3/4/1/4341799/passive_active_recreation.pdf